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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : DCI Discussion/Dinner on "Imperial Cuba: the
Home Front," Thursday, 12 April 1979

1. On the Director's behalf you are invited to participate in a Discussion/Dinner on the above subject in the DCI Conference Room on the date and time appointed. Our purpose is to focus upon the Cuban domestic scene, which we may be prone to neglect because of our greater interest in Cuba's current foreign adventures.

2. The following have been invited from outside and have accepted:

Professor Jorge Dominguez, Harvard

Professor Edward Gonzalez, U.C.L.A.

Rear Admiral Gordon J. Schuller, USN, Director, Inter-American Region, DOD/ISA

Luigi R. Einaudi, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs,
Department of State

Wayne S. Smith, Director, Office of Cuban Affairs,
Department of State

Robert A. Pastor, Senior Staff Member, National
Security Council

3. Professors Dominguez and Gonzalez will start our discussion. Attached are some of the questions to which it may be addressed and an interesting paper prepared by three of the analysts in the Cuban Analytic Center. Both of these items have been distributed to our Washington guests.

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4. The plan for the evening is as follows: The company will assemble in the DCI Conference Room between 5:30 and 6:00. Refreshments will be served. The discussion will begin at 6:00 and will continue until about 9:00. Dinner will be served at the conference table at 7:00. If you are unable to attend, please call extension

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Imperial Cuba: the Home Front

Some Questions that Might Be Addressed

1. What has been the economic impact of Cuba's military activities in Africa?
 - loss of national output caused by absence of workers
 - impact upon the labor force
 - logistical costs of ship and air transport of troops
 - hard currency losses (termination of some Western aid programs)
 - effects upon Soviet support
2. What are the political and social effects of Cuba's African policy?
 - level of domestic political support
 - sense of pride in Cuban accomplishments
 - avenues for career advancement
 - formation of a new revolutionary generation
3. What have been the effects on the Cuban military?
 - enhanced combat capabilities
 - weakened air defense capabilities on the island
 - acquisition of new equipment from USSR
4. What are the long-term implications, assuming that Cuba does not significantly reduce its military role overseas?
 - creation of new elite groupings
 - rising demands for career advancement
 - effects of continued casualties
 - long-term economic effects